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Report of the Committee of Experts on its eighth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee of Experts held its eighth session from 1 to 3 August 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Committee held six meetings (1st to 6th).

B. Election of officers

2. At its 1st meeting, held on 1 August 2018, the Committee of Experts elected the following officers by acclamation:

Co-Chairs:
Dorine Burmanje (Netherlands)
Li Pengde (China)
Fernand Guy Isseri (Cameroon)

Rapporteur:
Macarena Pérez (Chile)

C. Agenda and organization of work

3. At its 1st meeting, held on 1 August, the Committee of Experts adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.20/2018/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Strengthening of geospatial information management.

4. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda.

5. Global geodetic reference frame.

6. Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

7. Trends in national institutional arrangements in global geospatial information management.

8. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.

9. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.

10. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.

11. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.

12. Geospatial information for sustainable development.

13. Geospatial information and services for disasters.

14. Marine geospatial information.

15. National geospatial data and information systems.

16. Strengthening of collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

17. Review of United Nations activities in geospatial information management.

18. Programme management report.

19. Provisional agenda and dates for the ninth session of the Committee of Experts.

20. Report of the Committee of Experts on its eighth session.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee of Experts approved the organization of the work for the session, as contained in document E/C.20/2018/2.

D. Attendance

5. The session was attended by ___ participants, including ___ representatives from __ Member States and ___ representatives from ___ non-Member States. Also present were ___ representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. The list of participants is available from the website of the Committee of Experts at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

6. The Committee of Experts also invited the following organizations to participate in the work of the session as observers: AAM Group; Airbus Defence and Space; Association of Caribbean States; Association of Geospatial Industries, India; Austrian Academy of Sciences; Bentley; Caribbean Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association; CARTO; Catapult; Centre for Spatial Law and Policy; Columbia University; ConsultingWhere; Cooperation Council for the Arab

States of the Gulf; Cyient; DataWorld; Deimos Imaging; Deloitte and Touche; DigitalGlobe; Earth-i; e-Geos; Environmental Systems Research Institute; EuroGeographics; FARO; Geodan; Geomares Publishing; Geospatial Media and Communications; GeoThings; GIS/Transport; Global Resources Management Consultancy; Google; GroundTruth; Group on Earth Observations Secretariat; Hexagon Geospatial Geosystems; IIC Technologies; International Association of Geodesy; Kokusai Kogyo, Japan; KU Leuven; Location International; MapAction; Mapbox; National Autonomous University of Mexico; Open Geospatial Consortium; Oracle; Orbital Africa; Pan-American Institute of Geography and History; PASCO; Politecnico di Milano; PrecisionHawk; Riegl; Rolta; SkyMap Global; Tata Consultancy Services; Taylor and Francis Group; Ter Haar Geoinnovation; Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi; Tim Trainor, Consultant; TomTom; Trimble; United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation; University of Maine; University of Melbourne; University of New Brunswick; University of the Republic, Uruguay; University of Twente; University of the West Indies; World Geospatial Industry Council; and Wuhan University.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Committee of Experts at its eighth session are available from the website of the Committee of Experts at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.